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FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, XD, CE

SUBJ: DEPSEC VISIT

REF: COLOMBO 997

1. WE APPRECIATE CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL AND
COMMEND YOU ON HANDLING OF THIS DIFFICULT AND DELICATE
MATTER.

2. PLEASE EXPRESS OUR REGRETS TO MRS. BANDARANAIKE
THAT UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND ANYONE'S CONTROL
RESULTED IN CANCELLATION OF VISIT TO SRI LANKA. ALSO
PASS ON THAT REGRETABLELY MY SCHEDULE WILL NOT RPT
NOT PERMIT A VISIT TO COLOMBO AFTER TEHRAN CHIEFS OF
MISSION CONFERENCE. I DO, HOWEVER, LOOK FORWARD VERY
MUCH TO VISIT AND HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HER
AT SOME FUTURE TIME.

3. WE ARE PARTICULARLY SORRY WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
VISIT YOU AND MRS. VAN HOLLEN ON YOUR HOME GROUNDS
WE ARE, HOWEVER, LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING WITH
YOU, CHRIS, IN TEHRAN.
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4. THE PRESS LINE YOU SUGGEST IS FINE. WE WILL TAKE
SAME LINE HERE, IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES.
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